

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re application of:           | § |                         |
| Molz IV, et al.                 | § | Confirmation No.: 7729  |
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| For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR   | § |                         |
| REPLACING THE FUNCTION OF FACET | § |                         |
| JOINTS                          | § |                         |

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. Please reconsider the outstanding issues in this matter.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.